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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 36-39, as follows:

AP Sub B1

36. (New) A balloon catheter, comprising:
a) an elongated shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal shaft section, a distal shaft section, an outer tubular member defining an inflation lumen, and an inner tubular member